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My Dear Friend

If you have not destroyed the article I sent you last November "The Emblem of our Country &c" I will thank you to return it to me. It may answer for one of your Lectures – but I kept no copy of it. It was only the interpretation of what actually passed before my eyes in a neighbor's yard. I am utterly ashamed of my country, and hesitate not to say so privately and publicly. – I have read the Liberty Bell with great pleasure. It is certainly as good as any of its predecessors – and that is not small praise.

My best regards to your sisters. I called at your house, when in Boston last July, but did not succeed in making myself heard and concluded you were out of town.

Yours very truly Sam'l J. May

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